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Dear Jil:

On June 17, 1996, I conducted an aerial detection survey for gypsy moth-caused defoliation at the Baltimore-Washington Parkway (from Good Luck Road north to MD Route 32), Fort Foote Park, Fort Washington Park, Great Falls Park, Greenbelt Park, Montrose Park, Normanstone Parkway, the National Colonial Farm, Oxon Hill Children's Farm, Piscataway Park, and Rock Creek Park. I am pleased to report that no defoliation was detected at any of these National Park Service sites except Greenbelt Park, where 59 acres of heavy defoliation (61-100 percent) and 10 acres of moderate defoliation (31-60 percent) were detected (Figure 1).

If you anticipate requesting either financial or technical assistance for gypsy moth control in 1997, please contact Brad Onken or myself by letter or telephone (304) 285-1541 before August 30, 1996.

Please contact me at the above number if you have any questions regarding this aerial survey letter.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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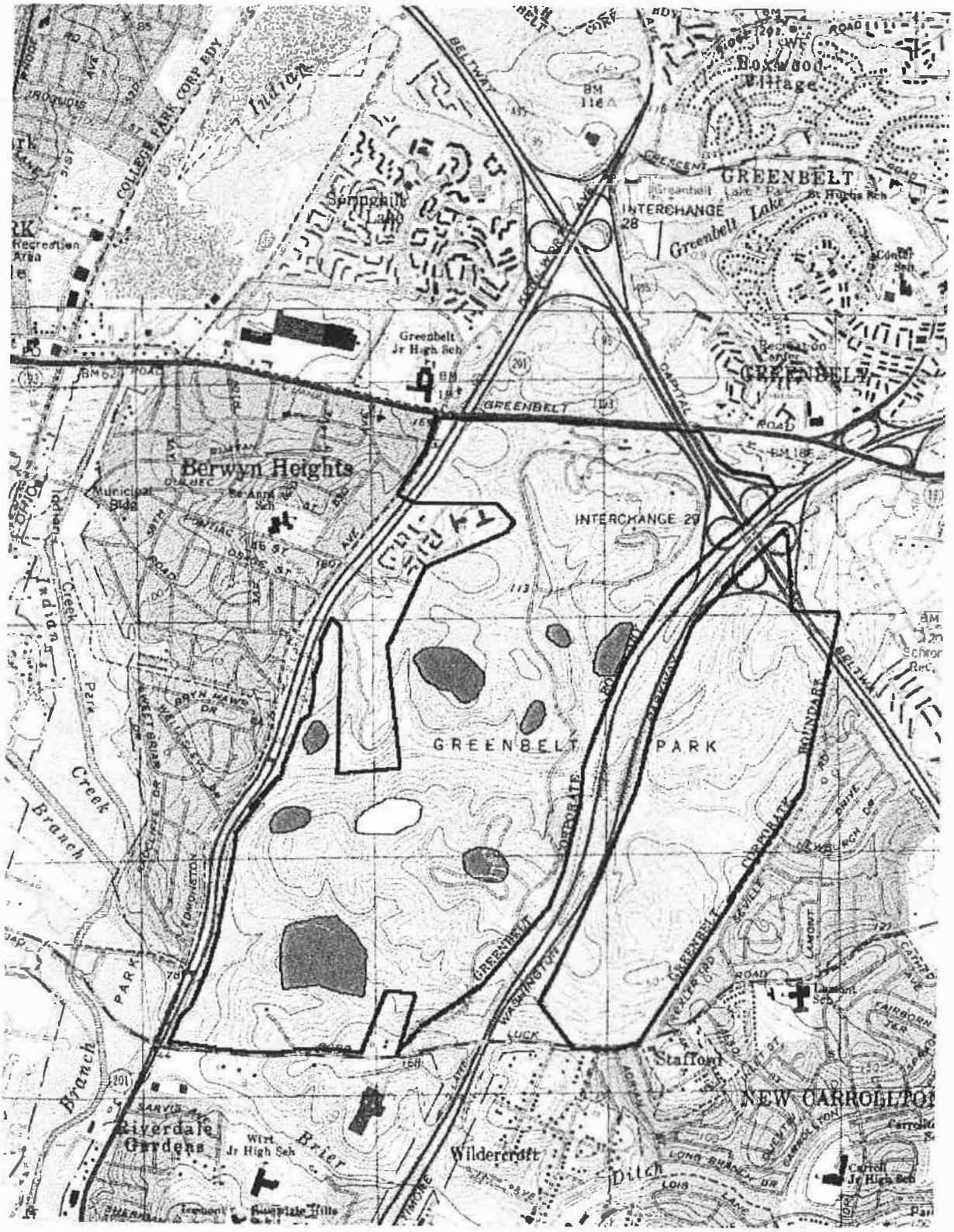
Figure 1. -- Gypsy moth defoliation survey results at Greenbelt Park, June 17, 1996.



— -- Greenbelt Park boundary

□ -- Moderate defoliation (30-60%) (10 acres on site)

■ -- Heavy defoliation (61-100%) (59 acres on site)